

15. (Amended) A method of treating hyperlipidemia in a hyperlipidemic comprising the administration of an effective antihyperlipidemic amount of a nicotinic acid composition only once per day and only in the evening or at night, wherein said nicotinic acid composition is an oral solid dosage form that consists essentially of nicotinic acid, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, a binder and a lubricant.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 13-15 are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define what the applicant considers to be the invention. Support for the language "only once per day and only in the evening or at night" in amended claims 1 and 15 can be found at least on page 8, first paragraph, of the specification. No new matter was introduced by way of these amendments.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims on their merits and respectfully solicit early notification of an allowance. If Examiner Venkat should have any questions or believes a telephone discussion would expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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